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AMENDMENTS TO DRAWINGS

Please amend Figs. 7 and 8 by changing reference numerals 89, 81, and 20 to, respectively, 489, 481, and 420, as indicated by the attached SUBSTITUTE SHEET of drawings containing revised Figs. 7 and 8.

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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Objection to Abstract

This objection has been addressed by reducing the length of the abstract to less than 150 words, as required in items 1 and 2 on page 2 of the Official Action.

2. Objections to Specification and Claims

These objections have been addressed by amending the specification and claims to include each of the changes suggested by the Examiner in items 3 and 5 on pages 2-4 of the Official Action.

3. Objection to Drawings

This objection has been addressed by re-numbering elements 89, 81, and 20 in Figs. 7 and 8 as, respectively, elements 489, 481, and 420

4. Rejection of Claim 12 Under 35 USC §112, 2nd Paragraph

This rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 12.

5. Rejection of Claims 1-5, 7-14, and 16-22 Under 35 USC §102(b), and Rejection of Claims 6 and 15 Under 35 USC §103(a) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,746,501 (Chien)

This rejection is respectfully traversed on the grounds that the Chien patent does not disclose or suggest an optical effects device in which a super thin lighting element is attached to a transparent member, and the transparent member is attached to the object. In the watchband of Chien, the super thin lighting element is attached directly to the main object, *i.e.*, to a recess 14 in the watchband, and the protective member (which according to col. 4, lines 8-12 of the Chien patent is an optical effects device) is also attached to the main object. Nowhere does the

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Chien patent suggest "means for attaching the super thin lighting element to the transparent member" (rather than the main object), as claimed.

By attaching the lighting element to the transparent member, the invention integrates the optical effects and lighting element to provide a discrete lighting element with its own optical effects that can be attached to a variety of main objects. The optical effects provided by the combined lighting element and optical effects device of the invention does not depend on the main object, as it does in the Chien patent, and therefore is more versatile and convenient.

Because the Chien patent does not disclose or suggest positively recited elements of the claimed invention, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC §§1029b) and 103(a) is respectfully requested.

Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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